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- offer the following corrections and/or additions to the World Aeronautical Chart #949 (Japura River) published in August 1943 and revised in September 1946 by the Aeronautical Chart Service, US Army Air Forces, Washington, DC:

A. Towns and Indian (Native) Settlements

- The following towns shown on Chart #949 do not exist:

Buenos Aires (03°11'S/69°59'W) - not since 1933.
Correnteza (03°52'S/70°11'W) - no longer there.
Recreo (01°24'S/70°34'W) - hasn't existed since 1915 when it was one house.
Manduca (01°23'S/69°52'W)
Tomas (01°20'S/69°44'W)
Ricaurte (01°05'S/70°16'W)
Puerto Miriti (01°07'S/70°02'W)
Puerto Córdoba (01°12'S/69°54'W) - consists of one house only.

- Quite a sizeable Indian colony called Puerto Nariño is at the mouth of the Rio Loretoyacu (03°36'S/70°21'W). The banks of the Rio Amazonas and Rio Loretoyacu are well populated with rubber tappers.
- Oomanahaydo (00°45'S/70°05'W) is a rubber camp with about eight buildings. The Colombian commercial AIDA airlines has a landing strip on the Rio Apaporis here.
- Jinogaje is a town at 00°16'S/70°16'W and the AIDA airlines lands its FBY in the Rio Apaporis at this point.

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B. Rivers and Lakes

1. Lago Bororica (00°47'S/69°56'W) - no such lake exists.
2. Río Piraparaná - full of dangerous rapids.
3. Río Caquetá - impassable rapids and falls at Puerto Córdoba. The rapids northeast of LaPedrera at about 01°12'S/69°42'W are passable most of the year in canoes and outboard motorboats.
4. Río Taraira - large falls are at 00°50'S/69°35'W and 00°55'S/69°31'W.

C. Mountains and Trails

1. Cerro de LaPedrera (01°08'S/69°46'W) - a long mountain about one thousand feet above sea level which is an airman's landmark for many miles.
2. Trail between Yana Moloca (00°52'S/70°08'W) and Río Miritiparaná (00°19'S/70°16'W) - this well-trodden forest path is by my actual measurement only six kilometers long. Boats and supplies for rubber work along the lower Río Apaporis are pulled across it to avoid two enormous falls downstream in the Apaporis.
3. Trail between Río Cotube at 03°10'S/70°00'W and Río Hamacayacú at 03°41'S/70°15'W - this path, which can be travelled in two days of hard walking, is kept open by the Tikuna Indians.

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- a. Tarapacá (02°54'S/69°43'W) is only a military post at which there are first aid supplies and a radio. It is possible to land a seaplane in the Río Ica at this point.
- b. LaPedrera (01°16'S/69°43'W) is a military post with a second lieutenant in command of ten soldiers and one nurse (as of 1952). The post has a radio station and once a month a military plane arrives from Bogotá. There is no landing field but occasionally the AIDA airlines FBY-type plane lands in the nearby Río Caquetá. LaPedrera has a customs official, three policemen and about eight houses. There is also a Capuchín mission and school for Indian children.
- c. Indians along the Río Piraparaná (00°10'S/70°26'W) have had little contact with white men and have killed more than ten white rubber scouts in the past 15 years. They are friendly if not molested.
- d. "Wild" (that is, with no contact with white men) Indians are reported to be living in the headwaters of the Río Caratue (01°28'S/69°27'W). I have seen two cultivated plots and houses from the air.
- e. Vila Bitencourt (01°27'S/69°25'W) is a Brazilian military post.
- f. In 1952 about 70 Indians were living along the Río Popeyacá (00°16'S/70°21'W).
- g. 00°20'S/70°07'W is the approximate center of a nomadic and completely uncivilized Indian tribe called Makus.
- h. There are no Indians living along the Río Taraira (01°03'S/69°29'W).

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- i. About 70 Taniwaka and 200 Yekuna Indians (both friendly tribes) live in the headwaters of the Rio Miritiparana (01°11'S/70°00'W) and the Rio Guacaya (00°38'S/70°30'W).
- j. Except near its mouth and in its headwaters in Peru the Rio Cotuhé (02°53'S/69°41'W) is completely uninhabited.
- k. Tikuna Indians live in the vicinity of 03°26'S/70°11'W and at 03°37'S/70°16'W.

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